Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not this work originally budgetted to serve this interested party ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This was budgetted on condition that he would pay half the cost of the work.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not of public importance? Was it to serve himself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was to serve a very limited public purpose. This Chira is to irrigate about 94·6 acres of which 57·8 acres belonged to that ryot.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What is the present estimate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is Rs. 4,800.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Therefore if the party is willing to pay Rs. 2,400 the Government will put up the Chira.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If he undertakes, then it will be considered. The Government will reconsider its position if the ryot pays half the estimated cost.

Loan applications—Special Loan Department.

54. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of applications for loans received by the Special Loan Department for amounts between 100 and 5,000 rupees;

(b) between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 7,500;

(c) between Rs. 7,500 and Rs. 10,000;

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) 4,033.

(b) 59.

(c) 52.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Of these 4,033 applications how many were given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—A total amount of Rs. 2,70,000 and odd was disbursed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the number of persons to whom loans were given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is published in the Gazette.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the number of applications rejected by the Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The balance were rejected. There was a time limit for the issue of loans. The Government was able to issue only this amount.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—At the time when they stopped giving loans were there applications which were ready or which satisfied the conditions for making loans?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—All the applications were not finally disposed of. Some of them had only a preliminary investigation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were there not applications fully investigated and the amounts fixed to be given to them and are there not cases where such persons were not actually given loans?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—A formal sanction was not given for the disbursement of the loans.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even if the Hon'ble Member could not give us the actual figures is he in a position to inform the the House whether most of these applications for loans were met?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I stated the figure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the number of applications on which this loan was issued?

Mr. President.—160 or 170, that is my recollection.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Hon'ble Member for Oorakam wants to know the number of rejected applications.

Mr. President:—A statement may be placed on the table detailing the number of applications received, the number sanctioned, number given and the number rejected and the number of applications on which no orders have been passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The statement may also contain the number of loans recommended to be given by the Loan Department and which were not given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I would like to know another point of information. Can all these demands be met by the Land Mortgage Bank?

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Mr. President.—That is for the Land Mortgage Bank to decide.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Land Mortgage Bank is an offshoot of this Loan Department. I want to know whether its capital is big enough to meet all the applications.

Mr. President.—Loans are expected to be given by debentures. Even though the Capital is only Rs. 5,00,000 they could raise debentures up to Rs. 25,00,000. Any amount up to Rs. 25,00,000 will be given by the Bank. Now Rs. 25,00,000 are given. The Government will be able to raise that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What has become of this 4,033 applications? Was any action taken upon them?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—They were forwarded to the Land Mortgage Bank.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What action has been taken upon them?

Mr. President.—The Government can only set up a machinery and back it up with money. I think that the public ought to understand the position. The Government have given a grant to the Bank for meeting the preliminary expenditure. Government also have allowed them to raise debentures to the extent of 25 lakhs. Government will be prepared to back them up. Further Government has granted a site for the Bank. They would open a current account to the extent of three lakhs at 3 per cent. Government cannot do more than that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—As far as the getting of the Loan is concerned, are we to understand that the applicants are completely at the mercy of the Bank?

Mr. President.—The Land Mortgage Bank is an autonomous institution.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What amount has been distributed by the Land Mortgage Bank up till now?

Mr. President.—No amount has been distributed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That is very sad.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are not the Government under the rules of the constitution entitled to expedite the grant of loans by the Land Mortgage Bank?

Mr. President.—No. We are having an example of self

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Government. We are looking forward to the success of this experiment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—We only pray that it may not fail.

Roads in Kadangode, etc., Villages.

55. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of Panchayat roads in the following villages;

(1) Kadangode, (2) Vellarakad, (3) Chiramanangad;

(b) the total length of P. W. D. roads in the above villages?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—

(a) Kadangode 1 mile and 5 furlongs
Vellarakad 2 miles and 1 „
Chiramanagad 1 mile and 3¾ „

(b) Kadangode Nil.
Vellarakad 2 miles.
Chiramanagad 1½ miles.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—In view of the fact that no provision is made for P. W. D. roads in the near future, will the Government be pleased to have more Panchayat roads in Kadangode village?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.— If funds are available we will make any number of roads there.

Public tank—Mala.

56. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Village Panchayats has received a petition from the citizens of Mala to construct a public tank to the eastern side of the Jews street;

(b) what action has been taken in the matter?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) No such petition is traceable.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of answer to sub-division (a).

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